



Agriculture

North Dakota's Top Agricultural Commodities

Commodity	Percentage of Total Cash Receipts
Wheat	25.1
Cattle and Calves	18.3
Soybeans	13.6
Barley	6.3
Corn	6.0
Sugarbeets	5.2
Sunflower	5.1
Canola	3.8
Dry Edible Beans	3.5
Potatoes	3.1
Milk	1.8
Hay	1.7
Flaxseed	1.6
Honey	1.1
Other Crops	1.1
Hogs	0.8
Other Livestock	0.5
Dry Edible Peas	0.4
Oats	0.3
Turkeys	0.3
Lentils	0.2
Sheep and Lambs	0.2

North Dakota's Top 5 Agricultural Exports in Millions

1. Wheat and products	\$582
2. Other*	\$514
3. Soybeans and products	\$261
4. Vegetables and preparations	\$121
5. Feed Grains & products	\$107

*Other includes minor oilseeds and sugar

Agriculture is the Leading Industry in North Dakota

- North Dakota production agriculture generated more than \$4.4 billion in cash receipts in 2003 (including government payments).
- Production agriculture is the largest sector of North Dakota's economy, making up 25% of the economic base.
- Nearly 24% of North Dakota workers are farmers and ranchers or are employed in farm-related jobs.
- Value-added ag processing and farm input manufacturing generate \$1.7 billion in business activity per year. These businesses directly and indirectly employ more than 25,000 North Dakotans.
- North Dakota consumers only spend 10% of their income on food consumed at home; compared to 21% in Germany, 51% in India, and 33% in Mexico.
- North Dakota farms provide food and habitat for 75% of the state's wildlife.
- North Dakota has 30,300 farms and ranches. The average size of a North Dakota farm is 1,300 acres.
- 39.4 million acres - nearly 90% of North Dakota's land area - is in farms and ranches.
- North Dakota farmland would cover 12 million city blocks.

North Dakota leads the nation in the production of the following commodities:

2004	Percent of the U.S.
	First
Flaxseed	95%
Canola	91%
Dry Edible Peas	61%
Durum Wheat	59%
Pinto Beans	46%
Spring Wheat	43%
All Sunflower	39%
Oil Sunflower	39%
Non-Oil Sunflower	37%
Barley	33%
Lentils	31%
All Dry Edible Beans	27%
Honey	17%
Oats	12%
	Second
Navy Beans	30%
All Wheat	14%
Rye	9%
	Third
Sugarbeets	16%

Where Does Your Food Dollar Go?

Off Farm	
Repairs	1.5¢
Other Costs	2¢
Interest	2.5¢
Energy	3.5¢
Rent	4¢
Transportation	4¢
Business Taxes & Depreciation	7¢
Profits and Advertising	8¢
Packaging	8.5¢
Labor	39¢

On Farm	
Farmers and Ranchers	20¢

Did you Know?

North Dakota farmers and ranchers annually produce enough:

- **Wheat** for 15.6 billion loaves of bread
- **Soybeans** to make 176 billion crayons
- **Potatoes** for 202 million servings of french fries
- **Durum** for 10.6 billion servings of spaghetti
- **Sunflowers** to fill 227 million bags of sunflower seeds
- **Beef** for 114 million hamburgers
- **Wool** for 540,000 sweaters
- **Milk** for 1.1 billion glasses
- **Pork** for 57 million pork chops
- **Corn** to sweeten 40 billion cans of pop
- **Canola** to fill the ND State Capitol tower more than 17 times

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